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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT OFFICE OF VATICAN OBSERVER TO UNITED NATIONS

1 ON DECEMBER 31, 1975, FIFTEEN MEMBERS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE SEIZED OFFICE OF PERMANENT OBSERVER OF HOLY SEE TO UNITED NATIONS, AND HELD IT FOR NEARLY AN HOUR, SEEKING PAPAL ENDORSEMENT OF ISRAELI AIMS. VATICAN OBSERVER JOHN CHELI SUMMONED POLICE AFTER GROUP HAD OUSTED HIM FROM HIS OFFICE ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF 20 EAST 72ND STREET, AT 10:35 A.M. POLICE DIRECTED PROTESTORS TO LEAVE WHICH THEY DID, AFTER HAVING PRESENTED MONSIGNOR CHELI WITH MEMORANDUM WHICH IN PART PROTESTED SPEECH BY POPE PAUL TO COLLEGE OF CARDINALS WHEREIN POPE ASKED ISRAELI PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. MONSIGNOR CHELI INFORMED INTRUDERS HE WOULD TRANSMIT MEMO TO VATICAN.

2. DEMONSTRATORS CAUSED NO PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND COMMITTED NO ASSAULT TO PERSONNEL. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE BY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

3. MATTER WAS PRESENTED TO AUSA SCHWARTZ, SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEW YORK, WHO ADVISED HE WOULD DECLINE PROSECUTION OF DEMONSTRATORS FOR VIOLATION OF ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

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